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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR VISIT TO IRAQ

- 1. AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT WILLIAM STOLTZFUS MADE A PRIVATE VISIT TO BAGHDAD MAY 3 -6. ON MAY 5 HE WAS RECEIVED BY UNDER SECRETARY OF MFA HADITHI, HIS FORMER COLLEAGUE IN KUWAIT. MFA EMPHASIZED "PRIVATE" NATURE OF CALL BY ASKING ME NOT TO ATTEND. DISCUSSION WITH HADITHI WAS VERY CORDIAL BUT NO RPT NO MESSAGES OF SUBSTANCE WERE EXCHANGED REGARDING U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS.
- 2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR ALSO MET SOCIALLY WITH SOME ARAB CHIEFS-OF-MISSION AND HIS PRESENCE IN BAGHDAD GAVE RISE TO RENEWED RUMORS OF RESUMPTION OF U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS DESPITE OUR DISCLAIMERS. VISIT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVOID OF SIGNIFICANCE. IRAQIS DID ISSUE VISA AND CERTAINLY THEY REALIZED HIS VISIT AND PARTICULARLY CALL ON HADITHI WOULD RESULT IN SUCH SPECULATION. THAT THEY

WERE WILLING TO DO SO IS ONE MORE FAVORABLE STRAW IN
THE WIND, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN BLOWING IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION LATELY.
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